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## **Bowie Social Worker Found Guilty of Felony Theft**

**BALTIMORE, MD ( October 6, 2010)** - Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler announced today that Michael Ryan, 53, of the 12000 block of Seabury Lane in Bowie, was found guilty of 22 counts of Medicaid fraud and felony theft after a court trial in Prince George's County Circuit Court.

Between January 2005 and September 2007, Ryan, a licensed clinical social worker, billed the Maryland Medicaid Program for over \$35,000 of mental health services that he never rendered. Multiple witnesses testified that their children did not receive any mental health services from Ryan. The Honorable Maureen Lamasney scheduled sentencing for November 12, 2010.

The case was investigated by the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit with assistance from the Maryland State Police. In making today's announcement, Attorney General Gansler thanked Assistant Attorney General Tom Rafter and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigators Shannon Beatty and Peggy Gayhardt for their work on this case.